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Tribal Councils
Served by BBNA:

Aleknagik
Chignik Bay
Chignik Lagoon
Chignik Lake
Clarks Point
Curyung
Egegik
Ekuk
Ekwok
Igiugig
Iliamna
Ivanof Bay
Kanatak
King Salmon
Kokhanok
Koliganek
Levelock
Manokotak
Naknek
New Stuyahok
Newhalen
Nondalton
Olsonville
Pedro Bay
Perryville
Pilot Point
Port Heiden
Portage Creek
South Naknek
Togiak
Twin Hills
Ugashik

Joe Perkins, Commissioner
Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
3 132 Channel Drive
Juneau, AK 99801-2084

Dear Mr. Perkins:

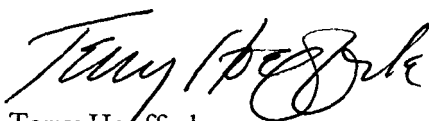
Enclosed please find resolution no. 99-29 and 99-33 passed on March 24 & 25 1999 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association. BBNA the regional non-profit service arm of the Bristol Bay Region, represents 10,100 members of the Association.

This resolution represents a formal statement of considered opinion, intent, and resolve of the Association and its members. We have taken this action out of concern for our social economic, and cultural well being. We communicate these statements to inform you as to our position and to earnestly solicit your assistance in our efforts.

We are interested in hearing your views on these issues.

Sincerely,

BRISTOL BAY NATIVE ASSOCIATION



Terry Hoeffler
Chief of Operations

Enclosure(s):

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RESOLUTION 99-29

by
Full Board of Directors

**Extending Public Bristol Bay
Airports to a Minimum Length of at least 5,000 Feet Long**

WHEREAS, a "Here-able" airport is an airport at least 5,000 feet long. This minimum length will permit fully-loaded, 4-engine cargo planes to safely land and take off and

WHEREAS, of the 27 public airports in the Bristol Bay region, only 3 (at Dillingham, King Salmon, and Port Heiden) have been constructed to a length of at least 5,000 feet; and

WHEREAS, the remaining communities without Here-able airports are relatively "disadvantaged" in that the residents of those communities pay higher transportation costs for food and other materials; and

WHEREAS, a resident who is gravely injured in one of the disadvantaged communities must fly in small commuter plane to one of the 3 Here-able airports for transfer to a pressurized medical-evacuation plane, which then transports the patient to Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the disparate shipping costs and the possible life-threatening medical-evacuation delays endured by the residents of the disadvantaged communities is not acceptable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Bristol Bay Native Association that the Alaska D of Transportation and Public Facilities, wherever possible, extend all the existing, public Bristol Bay airports to a minimum length of 5,000 feet.



President/CEO

CERTIFICATION:

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Bristol Bay Native Association, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly passed by the Board of Directors of the Bristol Bay Native Association on this 25 day of March, 1999 and that a quorum was present.

APPROVED:



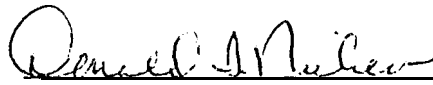
Secretary

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Resolution No. 99- 33
Lower Alaska Peninsula Road System

- WHEREAS: It is the desire of many residents in the Chignik, Chignik Lagoon, Chignik Lake, Ivanof Bay, Perryville, and Port Heiden vicinity to promote and protect their commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS: The Alaska salmon fishery has become commercially unstable and financially unreliable; and
- WHEREAS: Many residents within the Bristol Bay area have endured economic hardships that have resulted from the biological and economic collapse of the commercial salmon fishery; and
- WHEREAS: The socioeconomic well-being of the enumerated communities is contingent upon the protection and expansion of the sub-regional commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS: It is the desire of many residents within the vicinity of the communities to develop an inter-community road system within the general area; and
- WHEREAS: Many residents within the communities think that a sub-regional road system connecting the communities will promote the commonwealth within the area and enhance their general welfare by improving the delivery of commercial and social services within the area; and
- WHEREAS: It is the intent of many residents within the enumerated communities to seek state and federal assistance to examine the feasibility of an inter-community road system within their area and to evaluate the environmental impact that any proposed inter-community road system might have in the area; and


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Bristol Bay Native Association that it requests the federal and state governments provide for the preparation of a feasibility report on a sub-regional road system within the area of the enumerated communities and evaluate the environmental impact that any proposed inter-community road system will have within the general area.



President/CEO

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